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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: DR. MOREY'S
MEETING WITH ARAB DELEGATES RE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS
RESOLUTION (18 C/SHC/DR.2)

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL PARIS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE (IO) MOREY, ACCOMPANIED BY PERMREP,
CHAIRMAN UPTON AND DELOFFS, MET FOR TWO HOURS WITH PERM
REPS AND GENCONF DELEGATION LEADERS OF ALGERIA, KUWAIT
LEBANON, LIBYA, SUDAN, SYRIA AND TUNISIA AS WELL AS HEAD
OF ARAB LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC
ORGANIZATION MISSION HERE ON SUBJECT ISSUE.

2. ARABS INDICATED THEY KEEPING AN OPEN MIND BUT AS
MEETING ONLY A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPLOR-
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ATION RESPECTIVE POSITIONS INVOLVED, THERE WAS NO MOVE-

MENT TOWARDS WORKING OUT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE.

3. MOREY EXPRESSED USG'S SERIOUS CONCERN WITH PROPOSED SANCTION OF WITHHOLDING ASSISTANCE FROM ISRAEL UNTIL GOI COMPLIED WITH PREVIOUS UNESCO RESOLUTIONS AND LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON VERY HARMFUL IMPACT UPON AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC OPINION CONCERNING UNESCO IF SANCTION IS ADOPTED. HOWEVER, MOREY EMPHASIZED EQUALLY THAT HIS BASIC PURPOSE IN COMING TO PARIS WAS TO TRY AND FIND A SOLUTION TO PROBLEM: AN OBJECTIVE NOT TO BE INTERPRETED AS ADVOCATING ISRAEL'S VIEWPOINT ALONE. MOREY NOTED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION MEMBERS TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS.

4. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR, TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR, AS WELL TO LESSER EXTENT, SUDANESE AND KUWAITI PERMREPS, DID MOST OF TALKING FOR THE ARABS.

5. ARAB POSITION IN ESSENCE IS THAT PREVIOUS UNESCO RESOLUTIONS SIMPLY CONDEMNING AND CALLING FOR A HALT TO ALLEGEDLY CONTINUING ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS HAVE NOT ELICITED EITHER A RESPONSIVE ATTITUDE OR ACTION FROM GOI. THEREFORE, IT ARAB VIEWPOINT THAT SANCTION SOUGHT IS ONLY LOGICAL STEP TO TAKE. TUNISIAN AND LEBANESE STRESSED FURTHER THAT THIS A CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ARAB ACTION WHICH DELIBERATELY DID NOT GO TO ULTIMATE EXTREME OF SEEKING ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UNESCO, NOR OF PREVENTING ISRAELI ATTENDANCE AT UNESCO MEETINGS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT OUTRIGHT EXCLUSION WOULD BE A LOGICAL FINAL STEP TOWARD WHICH WITHHOLDING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

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POINTS, THE INTENT AT PRESENT WAS SIMPLY TO TAKE CON-
CRETE STEP REBUKING ISRAELI DISREGARD OF PAST UNESCO
APPEALS.

6. TUNISIAN AND LEBANESE AMBASSADORS SPECIFICALLY SAID
THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER THIS RESOLUTION AND
URGE ARAB COLLEAGUES TO DO LIKEWISE IF GOI MADE FORTH-
COMING GESTURE. LEBANESE SAID THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT BY
GOI AT GENERAL CONFERENCE THAT EXCAVATIONS HAVE BEEN
HALTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNESCO RESOLUTIONS WOULD CON-
STITUTE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR ARAB RE-CONSIDERATION OF
PRESENT ACTION.

7. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR WITH NODDING SUPPORT OF OTHER
ARABS SAID US ALONE CAN INFLUENCE ISRAELIS TO MAKE A
MEANINGFUL RESPONSE. DURING DISCUSSIONS AND AT CON-
CLUSION OF MEETING, THE LEBANESE AMBASSADOR, AS WELL AS
SYRIAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION, WHO HEADING SAR DELEGATION
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TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, MADE SPECIFIC APPEALS FOR US
ACTION ON THIS ISSUE IN ACCORD WITH INTERESTS OF "EVEN-
HANDEDNESS" AND, IN SPIRIT, "NEW" US POLICY TOWARDS
MIDDLE EAST.

8. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT UPON FURTHER DIS-
CUSSION BEFORE ISSUE COMES UP FOR VOTE, WHICH NOW
SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 5.

9. WILL ADVISE DEPT OF RESULTS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH
ISRAELI PERMREP, DG MAHEU AND DDG FOBES.
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